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Remarks

Claims 1-19 are pending.

Claims 1-19 stand rejected

Claims 1-19 have been cancelled.

Claims 20-39 have been added.

No new matter has been added.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 for containing indefinite subject matter. Independent claim 1 is also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Brusseaux (U.S. Patent No. 6,411,937).

In response, in order to clarify the scope of the invention, claims 1-19, which were subjected to several rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, have been cancelled in favor of new claims 20-39. Applicants respectfully submit that the application and prior pending claims fully support the language of the new claims. Exemplary portions of the application supporting the new claims are also provided as follows:

20. - page 7, line 29; page 8, lines 20 to 22

21. - page 7, line 9

22. - page 7, lines 8 to 12

23. - page 7, lines 13 to 18

24. - page 79, lines 30 to 35

25. - page 10, lines 30 to 35

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- 26. - page 7, lines 2 to 5
- 27. - page 7, lines 22 to 25
- 28. - see original claim 2
- 29. - page 8, lines 13 to 16; page 9, lines 29 to 34; page 8, lines 17 to 22; page 10, lines 3 to 7; page 8, lines 35 to 37; and page 10, lines 8 to 10
- 30. - page 8, lines 8 to 10
- 31. - page 9, lines 29 to 34
- 32. - page 8, lines 32 to 34
- 33. - page 9, lines to 6 and page 10, lines 13 to 16
- 34. - page 7, lines 32 to 37; page 8, lines 13 to 16; page 9, lines 29 to 34; page 8, lines 17 to 22; page 10, lines 3 to 7; page 8, lines 35 to 37; and page 10, lines 8 to 10
- 35. - page 7, lines 2 to 5; and page 7 line 37 to page 8, line 1
- 36. - page 8, line 2; and page 8, lines 8-10
- 37. - page 9, lines 7 to 12; and page 9, lines 29 to 34
- 38. - page 8, lines 32 to 34
- 39. - page 9, lines 1 to 6; and page 10, lines 13 to 16

The present application, as claimed in independent claim 20 is directed to a terminal for delivering goods or services, intended to be located at a location. The terminal includes a means for transferring a location information representing the location of the terminal to a medium intended to be carried by the user, where the location information allows the user to return to the

terminal.

The independent claims further include an identifier receiver means for receiving the identity of a second terminal, located at a second location as well as a means for determining a path from the first location to the second location.

As noted in the background section, when parking, in many instances, a user will have to pay for parking at a meter or ticket printing device, with the ticket to be left in the car window. However, in larger towns or parking lots, users may become lost and forget where they parted their cars. The present invention looks to overcome this problem, by providing a location information to the user. For example, a ticket may be printed with the location of the meter to be carried by the user. Alternatively, for example as in claim 24, the location information may be electronically forwarded to the mobile device of the user. Moreover, in the arrangement of claims 29 and 34, a user may take their parking ticket/receipt to any device on the network, which is able (using a code for example) to identify the meter where the ticket originated and to provide a map from the current location to the location of the originating machine, where the car is parked.

The cited prior art, namely Brusseaux, teaches a parking ticket machine able to display and print a street map of the town in which the machine is located. (see column 2, line 63). However, this map is just a generalized map of the town, with no indication of the location of the terminal itself.

As such, the cited prior art, does not teach or suggest all of the elements of the present invention as claimed in independent claim 20. For example, there is no teaching or suggestion for a *means for transferring a location information representing the location of the terminal to a*

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medium intended to be carried by the user, wherein the location information allows the user to return to the terminal.

Regarding the other independent claims, there is no teaching or suggestion for a second terminal having an identifier receiving means for receiving the identifier of the first terminal; and a means for determining, from the identifier, a path information allowing the user to go from the second location to the first location.

For at least these reasons, Applicant submits that the prior art does not show all of the elements of independent claims 20, 29 and 34 and respectfully requests that the rejection of these claims be withdrawn. As claims 21-28, 30-33 and 35-39 depend from claims 20, 29 and 34 respectively, these claims should be allowed for at least the same reasons.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 20-39 are in condition for allowance, the earliest possible notice of which is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner feels that an interview would facilitate the prosecution of this Application they are invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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